

**Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling**  
**July 29, 2016 Meeting**  
**9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**700 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Lincoln, NE 68508**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order**

**Roll Call** – Present: Hoffman, Holt, Lutz, Scoville, Leckband; Excused absences: Patterson, Bruder, Anselmo, Canada

**Approval of Agenda** – Holt moved for approval of the agenda as posted; Leckband seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Approval of Minutes** – Leckband moved for approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2016 meeting, as distributed; Scoville seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Ed Hoffman announced that the meeting notice and agenda had been posted on the program website, the state events calendar and the website of the Charitable Gaming Division of the Department of Revenue, all postings made within a reasonable time before the meeting.

Hoffman called for a moment of silence.

**Election of Officers** – Agenda item tabled until next meeting when more members present.

**Review of By-laws.** – Agenda item tabled until next meeting when 6 members are present as required by the bylaws. Commissioners were encouraged to draft language of any proposed amendments to present at the next meeting.

**Director's Report**

1. The Program office spreadsheet shows results of vendor contracts for the fiscal year July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016. Vendors drew 88% of the amounts available by their contracts for therapy services. This report shows amounts billed on invoices for the months when service was provided.
2. DAS Accounting program summary report shows results for the fiscal year. This is cash accounting of the amounts paid out during the twelve months. Amounts paid in July are for services provided in June, so there is a one month lag.
3. DAS Accounting fund summary of the gamblers assistance fund shows cash balance at June 30 was \$1.327 million. This is down about \$400,000 from July 1, 2013.

4. Budget resolution outline shows current status of the May 20 resolution by the Commission with the revisions that were voted on at the meeting.
5. The tabulation of contracts offered and awarded for the current fiscal year includes both therapy services and other contract obligations that have been made.
6. The marketing plan outline will be used to prepare the report to the lottery division as required by the current MOU for problem gambling messages.
7. A preliminary budget status report is based on the current actual appropriation without allowing for any reappropriation.
8. The current allotment status report shows a budget with reappropriation in the total of \$2.237 million but the Governor's advisory to all agencies is to not spend unspent rollover budget amounts. Therefore the commission needs to plan on a budget of \$1.880 million, which is the legislative appropriation for this year alone.

**Clinical Supervision Manual and Standards** The Certification Advisory Board has developed a manual with standards and terms for clinical supervision of provisional therapists as they gain hours working toward full certification. The manual will be complete upon adding ethics standards. Holt moved to approve the Clinical Supervision Manual and Standards subject to adding the ethics chapter. Scoville seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Certificate Renewal** – CDGC certificates expire August 31, 2016. Some certificate holders may be short the required 50 hours of continuing education credit. After discussion Holt moved to allow one-time extensions of up to 6 months to obtain the hours, to be granted on a case-by-case basis; Hoffman seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Contract Proposals** – Agenda item tabled until next meeting due to lack of required attendance of commissioners.

**APGSA** – Renewal of membership fee tabled until next meeting due to lack of required attendance of commissioners.

**Biennial Budget Request** - Budget prospects for the biennium starting July 1, 2017, were discussed and documents from the last biennium request were reviewed. The program narrative is to be completed by August 5. Final budget requests are due to be filed by September 15. Hoffman moved to give the director authority to submit a biennial budget request asking for an increase up to \$250,000 each year of the biennium, after consultation with the executive committee. Lutz seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Public Comment** – Following points were brought up: the Commission and GAP should assume a higher public profile as the gambling expert against gambling; Commission and GAP should issue a public statement about racino and Daily Fantasy Sports (DFS) online gambling; Commission and GAP should position a seat

representing problem gambling on the Racing Commission; write a legislative resolution to define DFS as gambling from the Commission. Scoville inquired about State Fair vendor booth status – cost and staffing prohibit our involvement this year.

**September 23, 2016 next meeting date**

**Adjourn - 2:47PM**